

Timothy at Kansas Department of Commerce Kansas Health Professions Opportunity Program (KHPOP)

Timothy Seybert is 30 years old and a resident of Great Bend, Kansas. After graduating from high school in 2000, he attended Barton County Community College, taking general education courses and eventually achieving an Associate's degree in Science in 2004. He entered the field of construction as a laboratory technician and then moved into the oil industry. After two years of employment moving drilling rigs, he was laid off in early 2009 due to the declining economy.

At that time Timothy decided to go back to school to prepare for an occupation that provided stability and brain stimulation. He decided to pursue a Radiologic Technology degree, toward becoming an X-ray Technologist, and he chose Fort Hays State University as it was the only college in the state that offered the opportunity to work toward a Bachelor's degree at the same time.

Once he had a game plan, Timothy realized he still needed a few more prerequisites to be eligible for acceptance into the program. He enrolled in some courses at Barton County Community College and stumbled upon information regarding the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). He then went to the Kansas Workforce Center and got into the WIA program, which helped with books, tuition, travel expenses, and school expenses. After two years in that program, he was able to transition into KHPOP, a Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) program funded by the Administration for Children and Families' Office of Family Assistance, to help him complete his schooling.

Timothy graduated from Fort Hays State University with an Associate's degree in Radiologic Technology (RT) and a Bachelor's degree in Medical Diagnostic Imaging. He completed all required clinical hours in both x-ray and computed tomography (CT) at Salina Regional Health Center. In his last semester, he was asked to fill out an application at Salina Regional Health Center and got a temporary, as-needed job. He passed both the CT and RT boards and now has been offered full-time employment at Salina Regional Health Center.